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Renowned historian visits SSC

By John S. Waterman

What do Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, Presidents Richard M. Nixon and George W. Bush, and the junior class of SSC have in common? All of them have conversed with or listened to one of the most renowned historians or our time, Dr. Stephen Ambrose. Dr. Ambrose is an internationally acclaimed author, historian, and teacher. Before retiring in 1995, he taught full time at many schools, including the University of New Orleans, Rutgers, Kansas State, Naval War College, U.C. Berkeley, and a number of European colleges.

After being introduced by his former student, Mr. Louis Burg, an SSC history teacher, Dr. Ambrose began his talk. He stated that his generation had been "a generation of hostages," one that had been plagued with the fear of nuclear destruction during the Cold War. Dr. Ambrose believes that "the 21st century will be the greatest age of discovery," a promising vision after "the great century of war."

Dr. Ambrose stated that with these changing times, our generation must adapt the ideas of our parents and grandparents to our long-range plans for the future. He stated that after two centuries of trying to catalogue and conquer nature, the major focus of the 21st century would be the restoration of nature.

Dr. Ambrose believed very strongly that our generation was up to this task. Citing several statistics, he showed us that teenagers today are smarter and more physically fit than the World War II generation. He stated that we were up to any challenges that might come our way. Dr. Ambrose drove this point home with this statement: "The greatest thing my generation did was to raise yours."

Dr. Stephen Ambrose addresses the junior class.

On several lighter notes, Dr. Ambrose talked about the role of school lunches in improving education, as well as some of his experiences in teaching at the University of New Orleans.

He also shared with the students some of his experiences working with acclaimed director Steven Spielberg. When the film "Saving Private Ryan" was completed, Spielberg asked Dr. Ambrose to watch the first print. After viewing it, Dr. Ambrose was phoned by Spielberg, who insisted that he tell him anything that the film needed.

"Well," Dr. Ambrose said. "First, you need to get Tom Hanks out of that movie. He's 39. A ranger captain would be 21. Then, you need to re-shoot the D-Day landing scene. The beaches at Normandy were much wider." "That's funny," Spielberg replied. "Next."

The students really enjoyed these personal anecdotes about famous people. Regretfully, Dr. Ambrose could not stay longer. We at SSC sincerely hope for an encore engagement.

Returning to a second home

By David Bradley

This second semester we welcome back all SSC students, especially those who have come from distant foreign countries such as Guatemala, Costa Rica, Korea, Vietnam, and Mexico. When many of these students went home to celebrate Christmas with their families, it was the first time that they had been home since the start of the new school year.

Our international students come to SSC for various reasons. Most wish to become fluent in English. This fluency gives these students an advantage in their native countries, as they pursue their academic careers. Others come to mature and grow up in the American culture that is renowned in other countries for its freedoms and government that we citizens often take for granted in our daily living.

St. Stanislaus helps these students ease into our culture and the SSC lifestyle in many different ways. First and foremost, St. Stanislaus offers English as a Second Language (ESL), which allows students to become familiar with English. Subsequently, dorm assignments are set up so that two international students cannot room together. English is also the only language allowed to be spoken in the classroom and in the dorm as well. With these elements of the dorm and student life in place, our students have the ability to be truly immersed in our culture and customs.

Many of our foreign students move on to further education back in their own home countries, after having studied at SSC for one year. Under the education system in Mexico and other countries, students will miss a number of credits required for graduation in their home countries if they stay to continue their higher education here at SSC. Others move on simply because after one full year, their primary goal of speaking fluent English is accomplished. The few students that do stay at SSC past two semesters stay because they are planning to graduate here. The first step to becoming an SSC student begins at the Office of Admissions. St. Stanislaus' Admissions Director is Mrs. Dolores Richmond, and the Assistant Admissions Director and the Director of Recruiting, is Mr. Mark Cumella.

Recently, I sat down to talk with Mr. Cumella about the changes international resident students experience over the period of their stay at SSC. According to Mr. Cumella, "Many of the students come to SSC as kids and when they have to discontinue their stay here, they usually leave more mature and with a greater sense of self-confidence and self-discipline. For some, it is very hard to leave the dorm because of the security it provides and the people they have grown to know. For many students, SSC is like a second home where they have developed a true family with a structured environment. After they leave, most have become impressive men of character."

The Rock-A-Chaw spoke to a few of our international students: Daniel Cepeda, a seventh grade student from Saltillo, Mexico, said, "What I do like about SSC are the Brothers, my teachers, and many of the Americans, who have been very friendly to me." Jesus Cesar, also from Saltillo, explained, "I like SSC in all the ways you can find. The teachers are nice and the school is nice too, but the best thing of the school is the people. My new friends are cool; I like them a lot." Francisco Morales, a senior from Guatemala, said, "I like SSC because it is impressive on my school record." Finally, Senior Tuan Nguyen from Vietnam summed up his feelings this way: "I like all the school in general."

Overall St. Stanislaus is widely diverse and a great school that gives day students and foreign students alike, a chance to experience different cultures, people, and ideas.

Brothers of the Sacred Heart Serving SSC: Brother Ronald Talbot

By DeLance Boggs

Brother Ronald Talbot is the president of St. Stanislaus College Prep., and each day he serves in this capacity to oversee campus activities.

The Rock-A-Chaw asked Brother Ronald if he would answer a few questions about his history with the Brothers and his future goals for the school community.

Brother Talbot first knew that he wanted to become a Brother of the Sacred Heart at his senior retreat in 1965. His decision was deeply influenced by the Brothers' dedication to God and their interest in students. In August of 1969, he began teaching. He taught math, social studies, religion, and computer courses. Brother Talbot served as a classroom teacher for six years teaching full time, as well as being assistant principal at Catholic High.

Brother Ronald's responsibilities as President of SSC are many, but basically he works to ensure that things go as smoothly as possible. He works with finances, facilities, and planning.

Although he enjoys being the President of SSC, he still misses the classroom atmosphere. "I feel more aware of the happenings of the school, when I am in the classroom."

When asked about improvements and growths for the future, he replied, "We have the architectural master plan in which a new fitness center will be built, and the old gym will be turned into a fine arts building in the near future. I like the changes that have been made in the dorm, such as the phones and Internet access in each room. I would like to see a little bit larger day student enrollments. The growth in the honors department is also very encouraging."

Brother Ronald obviously dedicates much of his time and abilities to see that SSC is the kind of school where young men can be educated in a caring, Christian environment. Thank you, Brother Ronald, for all that you do for SSC.

Causing drama

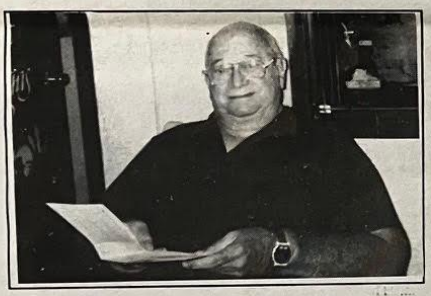
By Grayson Timidaiski

Directed by Mrs. Terry Carr, the Drama Team recently presented two plays "Touch the Names" and "Pygmalion." "Touch the Names," a truly heartfelt display of feelings and emotions, depicted a scene at the Vietnan Memorial Wall following the aftermath of the Vietnam War. The cast of Brady Bordelon, Alicia Asper, Ashley Timidaiski, Ashley Nelson, Julie Reboul, Dustin Tasker, John Waterman, Preston Ellis, and Kyle Fagan, dramatized letters left by loved ones and relatives of deceased soldiers. Each time a letter was shared by an actor, members of the audience felt a spiritual connection with all the people involved. The Drama Team carried "Touch the Names" to the Winter Drama Festival presented at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. Taking home special honors in the play were Ashley Nelson and Preston Ellis for All Star Cast awards. Musical touches composed by Alicia Asper and Paul Thibideoux were featured throughout the play.

"Pygmalion," the other presentation, was more of a comic relief from the somber tone of "Touch the Names." The four member cast of "Pygmalion" gave an outstanding performance that filled the audience with life and laughter. These four actors Dustin Tasker, Ashley Timidaiski, John Waterman and Erin Stechman delivered a non-musical form of the play "My Fair Lady." Pygmalion's English humor and profound sarcasm left the audience leaving with smiling faces after the performances.

The Drama Team is preparing for yet another musical "Oklahoma" which will be in the spring. It promises to be another crowd pleaser like last year's musical "Guys and Dolls."

Working as a family



Brother Albert is always by the office waiting to help.

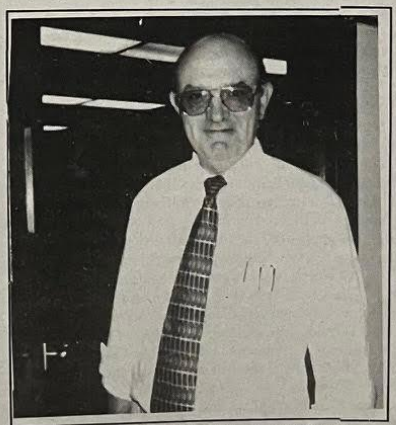
By Jacob Johnson

When Mr. Terry Looney talks, it becomes very clear to the listener that each part of the SSC Family contributes greatly to the welfare of the school. I was interested in interviewing Mr. Looney because as a student, I wanted to understand what the Development Office does. Mr. Looney has been the SSC Director of Development for the past three years, and before that he was a football coach at Nicholls State University and at Tulane University.

Mr. Looney's staff includes Mr. Jeff Aycock, Mrs. Teri Nelson, and Mrs. Amy Lagasse. All of these people work together to promote SSC's growth and development. Mr. Looney's primary job is to coordinate all fundraising efforts. He also solicits support from sources outside SSC such as foundations, corporations, alumni, and parents. Mr. Looney stressed the importance of the SSC alumni and parents in supporting our school, "Through the SSC newsletter, past alumni become acquainted with new alumni, and past traditions continue to work with new ideas for the good of the school. Through our annual giving appeal, much money is raised through alumni and parents who are very supportive. Annually our goal is to raise over $100,000. Nationally, only 22% or 23% of alumni continue to give back to their schools. Ours is 38%, and it is increasing. This happens when your alumni believes so strongly in what our school is about. They believe in what we're doing here, and this says a lot for what all the SSC family does."

In his last statement, Mr. Looney is referring to every aspect of the school: our administrative staff, faculty, student body, maintenance crew, and office personnel. Mr. Looney further added, "None of these components could work without the other; each is interdependent upon the other, and each serves the welfare of the school."

Office Secretary, Mrs. Holder, always has a warm smile.



Teacher, Senor Tom Ackerman, greets his students at his door.

As we all can see, Mr. Looney has a very important job, which is to ensure the continued growth and development of SSC. Mr. Looney also gave me some pointers about making a career for myself. He told me, "Never be afraid to make a decision." I found Mr. Looney to be an inspirational person, and I learned a lot about SSC, beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

A new class

By Brett Hode

Geology is the study of the Earth, including the materials of which it is made, the physical and chemical changes that occur on its surface and in its interior, and the history of the planet with its life forms. This one semester geology has been added as a science elective, and Mr. Fred Cherota is teaching the class. Materials of the earth and the processes that change the surface of the earth are the focus of the geology studies. This is a hands-on class in which some of the activities include taking sediment cores and looking at the various layerings and observing topographic models, minerals, and rocks. The class will also include weekend activities such as trips to the Mississippi Petrified Forest, learning how to cut and polish rocks, and doing Internet research.

Why, students might ask, should we spend our time studying about the Earth and the processes that form it? In the words of Mr. Cherota, "Understanding of the Earth is important because the Earth is our grocery store. All of our resources are at or near the surface of the Earth." This class uses a college text which draws together biology, chemistry and physics because these scientific areas make the Earth what it is today. Mr. Cherota added, "I would recommend that students who enter college should look at taking geology as a lab science; it would not necessarily be easier, but it is more of a work-at-your-pace class." If you need a science credit for school, please put geology on your list of considerations, and since it may be offered every year, you should not have a problem getting in.

Technology update

By Michael Enloe

Most people at St. Stanislaus have been in the computer lab. Most also do not need to be told how to use the computers.

New technology in the computer lab incorporates a CD-RW installed on one of the computers and a new projector for the lab. New software includes Adobe Photoshop, an image editing program, and a special program for the Geometry class.

Classes in the computer lab are the Innovative Applications in Technology course, taught by Mr. Zilverberg, and the Journalism class, taught by Mrs. Bradbrook. Other classes, such as English III Honors and Geometry, also use the computer lab.

Background for a diary

By Giles Rodenhiser

Our eighth grade English Honors class received a history lesson when Mr. Genin, SSC Principal of Discipline, visited our classroom prior to our literature study of the play "The Diary of Anne Frank." Mr. Genin shared his knowledge about World War II and the events leading up to it. He gave the class a very interesting lecture on the United States' entry into the war. He discussed Japan's reasons for attacking the United States at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and he explained why Japan found it necessary to control the Pacific Ocean. The attack on Pearl Harbor, of course, prompted the U.S. to enter the war against Germany and Japan, which brought us to the plight of the Jewish people in Germany. Mr. Genin's talk provided detailed background information which helped us to understand the story of Anne Frank and others like her.

The class found this background information very interesting, and we were amazed with what Mr. Genin had to say about World War II. Many of us had no idea that he used to teach history, but it is clear that he knows much about it. We learned a lot about why Anne Frank and her family had to go into hiding.

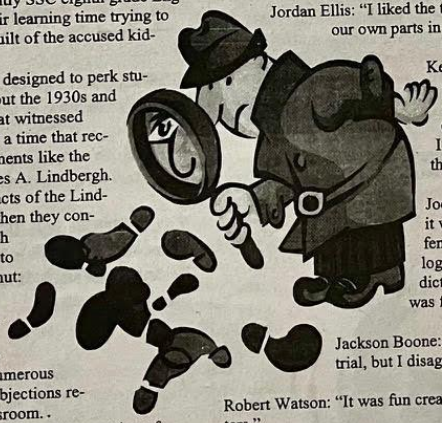
Bruce Rushing, a fellow classmate, said, "I think Mr. Genin's presentation was very helpful in understanding what happened over sixty years ago. I know "The Diary of Anne Frank" will be easier to read because of the amount of information I learned, and I hope Mr. Genin will come back and visit us again sometime."

A twentieth century mystery

By SSC Newspaper Staff

As American history begins to be made in the twenty-first century, many of this country's greatest twentieth century mysteries remain unsolved. One such puzzle still missing many of its pieces is the Lindbergh Baby kidnapping which occurred on March 1, 1932, in Hopewell, New Jersey. Recently SSC eighth grade English classes spent some of their learning time trying to determine the innocence or guilt of the accused kidnapper, Bruno Hauptmann.

The assignment was designed to perk students' interest in learning about the 1930s and pre WWII America, an age that witnessed great leaps in technology and a time that recognized courageous achievements like the trans-Atlantic flight of Charles A. Lindbergh. Students learned the actual facts of the Lindbergh baby kidnapping, and then they conducted mock trials where each student created a personality to fit his role. Roles ran the gamut: Attorneys, witnesses, judge, jurors, the accused, and even a bailiff. Students became familiar with courtroom procedure and legal jargon as numerous objections and grounds for objections resounded throughout the classroom. .



For approximately two weeks, a portion of daily class time centered on the "trial." All students took notes about testimonies and relied upon these notes to render verdicts of innocence or guilt in assigned persuasive essays. Trial participants who were randomly selected as jurors brought forth a verdict in each class trial. Unlike actual history, Bruno Hauptmann was found innocent in the majority of classroom verdicts. The real Hauptmann, as we know, was found guilty and executed by electrocution. Students had some comments about the assignment.

Jose Ortiz: "I liked the research work we did about the trial. Before we did this, I did not know who Charles Lindbergh was."

Jordan Ellis: "I liked the trial because we had our own parts in it."

Kevin Kernel: "It was fun being a witness. I enjoyed the thought of not knowing what I would be asked on the witness stand."

Joe Gibbons: " I thought it was fun but the defense's case had little logic, and I think the verdict was wrong, but it was fun."

Jackson Boone: "I think it was a fair trial, but I disagree with the verdict.

Robert Watson: "It was fun creating our own characters."

Brad Bissonette: "The trial was very intriguing and made me think about all of the evidence because one small bit of evidence could determine the fate of the defendant."

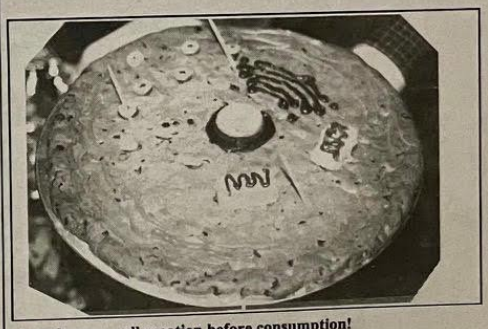
Sophomore class makes cells

By Edward Jasper

Before Christmas holidays, Mr. Rock's sophomore religion class was given an extra credit assignment. They were told to make a model of a cell out of anything edible (cookies, candy, etc.). Many of his students did just this, thirty-five to be exact.

You may be asking, "What do cells have to do with a religion class?" Well, it's quite simple. A cell is made up of many parts. The Catholic Church is made up of many people, yet it is all one faith : "One faith, many people." So it does have something to do with religion.

When the thirty-five students brought their projects in, and some were partner projects, the students were all able to come back to the classroom at recess and eat their cell creations.

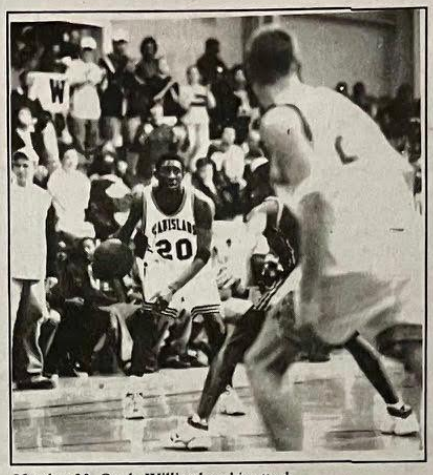


A sophomore cell creation before consumption!

Rock-A-Chaw Basketball-Same Song-Same Verse-Different Year

By Grayson Timidaiski, Tyler Gallagher, and Coach Jay Ladner

As usual, The 2000-2001 edition of the Rock-A-Chaw basketball team entered the season with lofty expectations. Coming off of last year's impressive 29-6 campaign, the Jackson Clarion Ledger pinned a #14 State wide ranking on this year's club, despite the loss of nine seniors from last year's squad and no returning starter's measuring over 6'0". The ranking was probably more due to the tradition of excellence rather than real expectations. Coach Ladner commented, "The tradition of excellence is something that we've come to expect each winter from a program that has won three division championships, posted six 20 win seasons, six playoff appearances, advanced to the state tournament and invitational tournament championships too many to mention in the past eight years. All this despite playing perhaps the most rugged schedule in Mississippi's class AAAA. While most teams feast on a cream puff non-league schedule, SSC traditionally battles the cream of the crop from Mississippi and surrounding states to help toughen them up for league play and what has become an inevitable playoff run."



Number 20, Grady Willis plans his attack.

As of January 16th, the Rock-A-Chaws stand at 18-7 with a crucial league contest at always tough Columbia. St. Stanislaus teams each year seem to rely on the same formula for success. Tenacious man for man defense, intense effort, and outstanding team play provide the SSC basketball formula for success.

SSC senior forward Grayson Timidaiski says the goals of the team are to break or tie last year's record and achieve a thirty-win season. "We hope to repeat district championships," says Grayson, "and to continue team improvement to advance to the playoffs." Grayson along with fellow seniors Grady Willis-guard, Jason Santiago-guard, Brandon Arcement-guard, Mike Ryan-guard, and Lee Howard-forward continue to maintain their senior duties of providing leadership to younger teammates. "On behalf of the team," adds Grayson, "we appreciate the continuous support and confidence given to us from coaches and fans and the continued support of all who follow the SSC Rock-A-Chaws and their traditions."

Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer Stats

Varsity

Overall Record: 15-5-2
District Record: 9-1
Shutouts: 7
GF/Average: 88/4.0
GA/Average: 24/1.1

Goals		Assists	
Doty – 15		Powell -8	
Heaps – 13		Hansell - 8	
Cranford – 11		Heaps - 8	
Brooks – 9		Lewis - 7	
Kenny – 7		Brooks - 5	
Kulikowski – 4		Leonard - 5	
Kivlan – 3		Kivlan - 4	
Turfitt – 3	Breland - 3		
Powell – 3		Natal - 2	
Brodtmann– 2	Fitzmaurice - 2		
Lingsch – 2		Cranford - 2	
Leonard – 2		Brodtmann - 2	
Lewis – 2		Doty - 2	
Hansell – 2		Strickland - 1	
Johnson – 2		Turfitt - 1	
Breland – 2		Bourgeois - 1	
Boxx – 1	Johnson - 1		
Bourgeois –1	Vollenweider - 1		
Aguilar – 4		Aguilar - 2	

Junior Varsity

Overall Record: 4-0-2
District Record: N/A
Shutouts: 5
GF/Average: 22/3.7
GA/Average: 2/0.3

Goals		Assists	
Bougeois – 4		Kivlan – 3	
Kivlan – 2		Natal – 2	
Brodtmann – 2			
Brodtmann – 2			
Donohoe – 2		Johnson – 1	
Johnson – 2		Bougeois – 1	
Lingsch – 2		Ticer – 1	
Vollenweider – 1		Aguilar – 1	
Cannon – 1		Treutel – 1	
Boxx – 1		Natal – 1	
Aguilar - 3			

SSC Soccer: Another great year!

By Jake Johnson

This year's soccer season has been a successful one so far. The team's record as of right now is seven wins, three losses, and two ties. Our boys competed in a tournament hosted by Harrison Central. The tean went two and two, against mostly 5A schools while SSC is only a 4A school. Most of the starters were unable to play and the team had to go to their bench for help. Another factor that also hindered our fight for a championship title was that the weather had been bad the day before the tournament, and the field was left a mess and mud was everywhere. Under these conditions any team from any district and in any division could win or lose to the best or worse teams around. Under these circumstances the team did not do so bad. They made it all the way to the semi-finals where they faced the 5A team from Brandon, Mississippi.

Leading the varsity rocks this season in goals is Senior David Heaps with nine goals. Heaps also leads the tem in assists with five, tied with Freshmen Kyle Lewis and Junior Jeffrey Hansell. Leading the Junior Varsity rocks in goals is Jarrod Bourgeois with four goals and Michael Kivlan with three assists.

The junior high soccer team is also enjoying a successful season.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE ST. STANISLAUS FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES 2000 SEASON

WHEREAS, The St. Stanislaus Jr. High Football Team has just accomplished the excellence of an undefeated season; and

WHEREAS, The St. Stanislaus Jr. High Football Team has compiled a two year record of 15 wins against only one loss; and

WHEREAS, This achievement has earned Coach Will Seymour Coach of the Year honors for the past two year; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that these achievements were realized through hard work, dedication, and commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby recognize and commend St. Stanislaus Jr. High Football Team and Coaches, Will Seymour and Richard Santiago for their achievements and commitment to excellence.

John T. Longo
Mayor

It's About Time

By Padrick Dennis

After eight years of the Clinton and Gore team and weeks of waiting since the election, it is about time that George W. Bush and Richard Cheney are in the White House. Such a transfer of power is a unique and educational experience rivaling the events following this year's vote. This year is special in that it is only the second time that a son has followed his father as president, and it is the two-hundredth anniversary of the first inauguration in Washington D.C., which was that of Thomas Jefferson.

Fortunately, I was able to attend this year's festivities along with my family. Everything began on a dismal note of leaving late and being diverted to a different airport, but spirits soon rose as we were informed that the plane we were on would be taken directly to Washington. A few hours later, we arrived at Reagan National Airport amid a cold rain and the bustle of the many people attending the inauguration.

Thursday night, we kicked things off at the "Red, White, and Blues," a social sponsored by the state of Mississippi. There I was privileged to meet Senators Trent Lott and Thad Cochran as well as Representatives Roger Wicker and Chip Pickering all of Mississippi. During the social, musical entertainment was provided by the Queen of Blues, Koko Taylor, and a former Stanislaus student, Delbert McClinton.

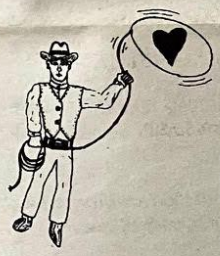
After a short night of sleep, we ate breakfast and heard a speech from Bob Novak, the host of CNN's Crossfire. Following breakfast, we visited the offices of Mississippi's senators and dropped in on a few moments of the Ashcroft hearings. Later that afternoon, my sister and I attended the "Celebrating America's Youth" concert. This featured artists such as Destiny's Child, Jessica Simpson, and Nine Days, as well as speeches by George W. Bush, George P. Bush, and the Secretaries designate of Housing and Urban Development, Education, and State, Colin Powell.

Saturday was the much anticipated big day, and it proved to be no less. Beginning the day was the "Mimosas and Magnolias" reception hosted by Mississippi which included guests such as Senators Strom Thurmond, Jesse Helms, Orin Hatch, and Jim Bunting. Accompanying these guests were several CEOs and other notable people.

Next, the actual transfer of power changed as Dick Cheney and George W. Bush were sworn in and assumed power. Following the rainy ceremonies, we returned to the hotel to warm up prior to the inaugural parade. However, we decided to stay at the hotel and watch the parade on TV. That was probably a good thing as we later discovered that the lines through security check points were long and protesters were demonstrating in the areas near our seats.

At about 6 p.m. I donned my tuxedo and left for one of the inaugural balls. We arrived in the rain and passed through security and entered the ballroom. We danced for a while to various tunes including a few from our master of ceremonies Wayne Newton. At about 10:30, the Vice-president made his speech and was followed by the President. Following their appearances, we decided it was about time to get back to the hotel and prepare for our flight home in the morning. As we left the ball, we were greeted by a light snowfall, which made for a memorable end to an unforgettable experience.

"People will say we're in love"



Oklahoma Cast
In Order of Appearance

Aunt Eller	Alicia Asper
Curly	Preston Ellis
Laurey	Rachel Dauro
Ike Skidmore	David Cruthirds
Fred	Derek Fogarty
Slim	Paul Thibodeaux
Will Parker	Adair Beany
Jud Fry	Dustin Tasker
Ado Annie	Ashley Timidaiski
Ali Hakim	Brandon Gossett
Gertie Cummins	Ashley Nelson
Ellen	Brady Bordelon
Frannie	Mimsie Ladner
Sarah	Erin Stechmann
Kate	Ashton Johnson
Sylvie	Courtney Schade
Armina	Megan Walton
Aggie	Rebecca Wright
Andrew Carnes	Patrick Clark
Cord Elam	Andrew Nestor
Jess	Daniel Wilson
Chalmers	Billy Sherman
Mike	Tyler Gallagher

Student Director	Dustin Tasker
Choreographer	Rachel Dauro
Director	Mrs. Terry Carr

"You're Doing Fine, Oklahoma!"
Performances: March 30th and 31st

Helping out

By Britt Hormanski

Over the years, St. Stanislaus has spent hours upon hours, building, gathering, and volunteering to help numerous businesses/families have a brighter day.

One charity that is in the its third year is Mrs. Holmes' Humane Society Project. Students in Mrs. Holmes' English classes, as well as others, spend a month gathering bleach, towels, laundry detergent, chew toys, dog and cat food, and other necessary items. After the donations are collected, Mrs. Holmes takes a few students to the Waveland Animal shelter to distribute the items.

This year, Mrs. Holmes' 7th/8th grade English class is collecting the contributions and is set to visit the animals on February 19. The doctors and employees at the Shelter are always very appreciative of St. Stanislaus' generosity, and the animals certainly enjoy the company and time outside their cages!

If anyone is interested in helping Mrs. Holmes and the Waveland Humane Society out, please see her for information on how you may assist with the project.

WE ASKED YOU
By John S. Waterman

It's a brand New Year (or New Millennium, as the case may be) in the US of A. The stock market's fluctuating. Bush is President. Bad things are happening in the Middle East. With all these cheerful things in mind, what are YOU doing to make this year a better one?

"Lose 20 more pounds by summer"
--Tyler Gallagher

"Kick all my bad habits"
--DeLance Boggs

"Copyright all my music"
--Andrew Pretzello

"Charge more for building computers."
--Andrew Waterman

"To take Andrew's profits"
--David Bradley

"Think of a resolution for next year."
--Grayson Timidaski

"To find a new girlfriend, 'cause mine likes John"
--Jake Johnson

"To get into UC Berkely"
--Gary Leung

"I don't have one."
--Kent Maddox.

"To lose my bad habits."
--Edward Jasper

"To get my parents to let me drive the car."
--Michael Enloe

"To make "A's" in Journalism"
--Curtis Schmidt

"To get stronger for football."
--Bob Bass

"To stay in shape."
--Nick Weinmann

"To get a mustang."
Chris Ohlymeyer

"To date Brittany Spears."
--Josh Schultz

"To make an A in English class, and do better in Algebra."
--John Chapoton

"To date more guys."
--Darius Acker

"To be the best I can in sports that I can."
Adam Delgado

"To have a good relationship with God."
Bateta Dilukila

"To lead people closer to God."
--Joel Tate

"To win the lottery, so I can fly first class."
--Marc Belizaire

Did you know ...
By David Bradley

Valentine's Day originated during the Middle Ages in England and France.

There were at least three different St. Valentines mentioned in the early Catholic Church, all martyrs.

It started on February 14 because supposedly halfway through the second month of the year birds began to pair.

The first St. Valentine is described as a priest that lived in Rome.

Second, is a bishop of Interamna (modern Terni).

Both of these men seemed to have suffered in the second half of the third century and they both were buried on the Flaminian Way.

The third St. Valentine suffered in Africa with a number of companions. This is all that is known of him.

15% of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day

35 million boxes of heart shaped candy were bought last Valentine's Day

73% of American men buy flowers on February 14

Relating to God

"Wherever two or more are gathered in my name…"

By SSC Newspaper Staff

Lots of schools offer their students excellent educations in picturesque, serene settings, but St. Stanislaus gives its students something much more important than knowledge and scenery. St. Stanislaus is a place where each student can relate to God. On a daily basis, students have opportunities to learn not only the teachings of Christ, but to live them in their words and actions. Each class begins with a prayer, and there is the feeling that as Jesus said, "wherever two or more are gathered in My name, I am there." His presence is the heart of St. Stanislaus.

Students express His love in the every day kindnesses they extend toward others. Academic Assistance teacher, Mrs. Helen Simpson, noted with delight the birthday present one of her students had given to her. "Wasn't that sweet? He remembered my birthday," she said as she regarded the gift. "I always notice the students who will open the door for me, especially when my arms are encumbered," said English teacher, Mrs. Bradbrook. It isn't difficult to see the kindness; it's around every day. Several students will offer to assist an injured friend who may have a broken arm or leg. These students will carry additional book bags in order to help. In computer classes, Mr. Cody Zilverberg will often observe students helping others. "If a student is having difficulty establishing an E-mail address, or some other computer usage problem, invariably another student will try to help even though this means the second student loses much of his computer time in the effort."

Students also assist by serving as student ministers. There are fifteen senior student ministers working with Mr. Edward Duhon, Campus Minister. Joel Tate is one of these students who believes his role as student minister is a very important one. "I became a student minister, " said Joel, "so that I could carry God throughout my day and try to help others become closer to God." Students also travel to the Brothers of the Sacred Heart Mission at Klagetoh in Arizona. Here they give their time, energy, and caring to needy people. These Christian acts are yet more ways in which SSC students live the teachings of Jesus. Senior Patrick Clark, who visited the mission at Christmas break, said, "The Brothers have given us such a great opportunity by taking groups of students out to the mission. It opens up our eyes to what is really important in life. Perhaps the greatest lesson I learned at the mission is that love truly does conquer all obstacles."

At St. Stanislaus, students feel comfortable about expressing their love of God to others. Senior Joaquin Balaguer asked to share something very special to him and his brothers, Rodolfo and Danilo. He wished share a letter written by his mother, Gema Maria Garcia Hernandez, who is deceased. Here is an excerpt from that letter:

> Life is a long journey of frustrations and hopes. Only strong spirits acquire victories, and faith is an essential element for these. Without faith in ourselves, our journey will be unsure. Without faith in God, we will go through life blind-folded, without seeing what He has reserved for us. In patience, He will give us peace. In pain, He will give us consolation. In faithfulness, He will give us redemption. Faith makes us cherish our blessings and who we are.

A part of something good

By Andrew Pretzello

Being in the St. Stanislaus Marching and Symphonic Bands is great. Although these are two totally different types of band, the people are the same. The band is really fun and provides you with chances of moving on to something better musically. The band, like any extra-curricular activity or sport, shows how people can work together to become a team.

Playing at football games, competitions, and concerts are all parts of being in the band. In November, the band attended the Gold Medal Classic Marching Band Festival. The band scored an excellent in overall band. "The band did really well in the festival, better than we all thought we would do," said Mr. Barrilloux. In the concert on December 8, the band played Christmas music. It was a lot of fun because you got to socialize after the concert. The football games provide you with a chance to meet other people in different bands and perform your music for them.

Under the direction of Mr. John Barrilloux, things have been going the band's way, so well in fact, that Mr. Barrilloux has become a friend as well as a teacher, and that is what band is all about. "Mr. Barrilloux is the best instructor that I've had since I've been here," said eighth grader Joe Gibbons.

The band has improved so much since last year, and we have hope that by next year we will have twice the number of people. We hope to also have new uniforms and to take a trip next year. Band is one of the best things that I have ever done at this school, and I am proud of that.

To all readers....

Throughout the past three years, the Rock-A-Chaw has progressed greatly. Through the great help from the teachers, students, and our moderator Mrs. Bradbrook, we have been able to make each paper better than the last. The school paper has benefited greatly from the updated computer lab and the assistance of Mr. Zilverberg, without whose help we wouldn't have the online sources and programs to make the newspaper possible. Also, the photography of Brother Charles and student volunteers continues to contribute to each edition. I would also like to thank the students of the Journalism I class who strive to bring SSC interesting and informative news. Without the help of all these people we would not have a paper, and we encourage all students who want to do anything for the paper to do so. We always need the extra help.

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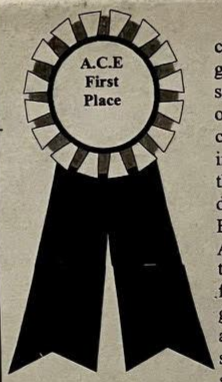
A.C.E. A success story



This past December, hundreds of grammar and middle school students from all over south Mississippi came to St. Stanislaus in order to participate in the 10th annual Academics Competition for Excellence challenge. A.C.E. is a competition that test the abilities of fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students in the areas of mathematics, science, English, social studies, and the newly added, computer literacy.

Mrs. Anne Schade and Mrs. Sandra Odom coordinated the event, and SSC was pleased to host A.C.E., which continues to give recognition to Mississippi's high academic achievers.

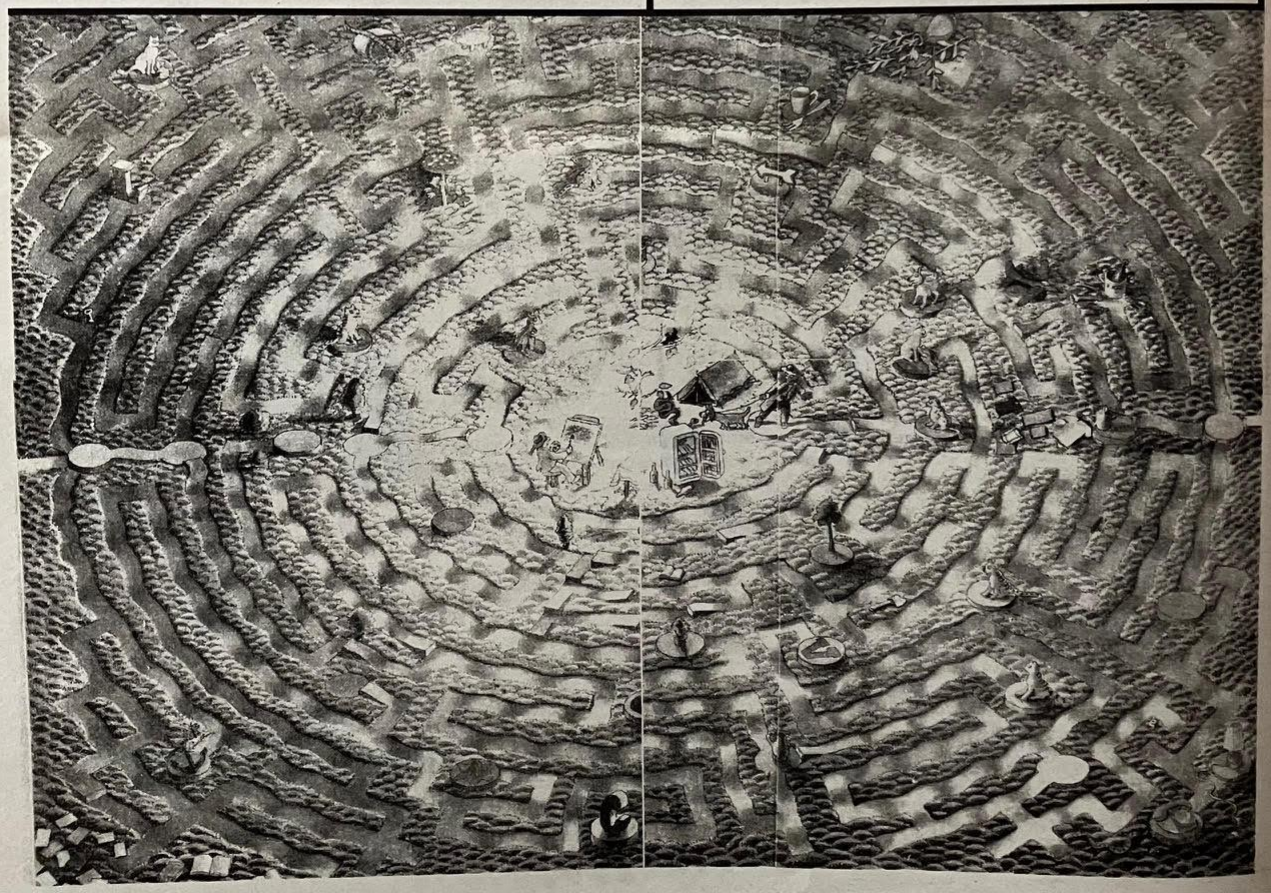
Thanks to all who contributed to the Key Club's Penny Power Contest! All money collected is donated to charities. Contest results will be announced today!

Team Trivia Tournament

at Saint Stanislaus College

Thursday, February 8, 2001
7 - 9 PM

All students, alumni, parents, friends, faculty members, and staff are invited to our next **Team Trivia Tournament** to be held at school on Thursday, February 8, 2001, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Entries are for teams of five only and must be submitted with a $10 entry fee to the office of Mrs. Susan Estrade no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7. Junior High teams must include at least one adult.

Need help forming a team? Simply submit your name with a $2 entry fee to Mrs. Estrade, and she will assist you in forming one.